

## Happy Birthday to ...

Rachel McCallum and Andrew Taylor on Tuesday;  
Thomas Finlay on Thursday

## Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Please continue to pray for Tim Beck.
- Michael and Jose Kennedy.
- Lunch Club who have 4 outings planned over the summer. Pray for good weather and safety as they travel.
- Pray for our children and young people that they have an enjoyable summer holiday.
- Pray for those receiving exam results and making decisions about their futures.
- Simon Batchelor following the death of his mother.
- Wendy Gillies and her children, Jack and Lucy, as Wendy will have a week's intensive chemo soon.
- For all those preparing to go Greenbelt next week. Pray particularly for those who haven't been to Greenbelt before—including Karen and family and Charlotte and family from the cafe.
- For the Clergy Team as they seek God and make plans for the autumn term.

## Items for prayer and notices

Please give any items for prayer or notices to Linda *before* 9 am on Wednesday, by administrator's pigeon hole, e-mail, or phone.

## Church Diary

**Sun 22 Aug** 1-5 pm Contact Centre  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Mon 23  
Tues 24  
Wed 25  
Thurs 26 10.45 am Holy Communion (Church)  
11.15 am Coffee morning (Church)  
Fri 27  
Sat 28

**Sun 29 Aug** 10.30 am Holy Communion  
No Evening Service



## Small Groups



Contemplative Prayer (Ripleys).....	961 3034	Mon 8.30 pm
Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 10 am
Sue and Hamish Bruce.....	966 5925	Wed 8 pm
Ali and Pete Marshall .....	966 8794	Thurs 8 pm
Richard and Rosemary Croft.....	926 0672	Thurs 8 pm
Jeremy and Rachel Thake ..	987 1288	Thurs 8.30 pm
Judith Lawrence .....	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

*You are welcome to join with any group - please speak to contact/leader*

Vicar:	Vincent Gardner (07901 737649)
Community Minister:	Suzanne Knight (day off: Thursday) (0118) 967 5645
Minister:	Alison Marshall (day off: Tuesday) (0118) 966 8794
Administrator:	Linda Wagner (0118) 926 3633

The church office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, approximately 8.30 am—1.30 pm.  
Any bookings should be made through the office please.  
121-147 Orts Road Reading RG1 3JN  
0118 926 3633  
e-mail: [stjohns@readingchurches.org.uk](mailto:stjohns@readingchurches.org.uk)  
<http://stjohnandstephen.co.uk>



## Sunday 22 August Pentecost 13

**Don't rush away! Please feel free to join us after the morning service for a cup of coffee or tea. We look forward to your company.**



This week served by Judith Lawrence and home group  
Next week served by Marian Harwood and friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is  
Norma Stevenson

## Readings for this morning

Isaiah 58: 9b-14

(page 722 in the OT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Jane Denny

Luke 13: 10-17

(page 97 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Pete and Ali Marshall are leading and preaching

Prayers are led by Richard Croft

## Songs and Hymns for this morning

Sing for God's glory  
Mayenziwe  
Come host of heaven

Be still and know that I am God  
Name above all names

This we shall do

### Communion

*All are invited to come for communion and prayer.  
We have gluten-free communion wafers available—please  
ask one of the Welcome Team either before the service  
begins or during the Peace if you require one. If you do not  
wish to take communion, please come for prayer.*

*If you have any particular need, problem or prayer request  
please speak to a member of the clergy after the service.*

Members of the Prayer Ministry Group are  
available to pray in your home.  
Please contact Suzanne to ask for this.



### Thank you ...

for all your prayers and good wishes  
for our recent hallowing. It meant a  
huge amount to us to be so  
supported by our local church  
family. Thank you. Pete and Ali

### Street Pastors Reading are recruiting again ...

Are you interested in finding out more about the work of  
Street Pastors in Reading? Want to chat with Street Pastors  
and find out from them their experience and stories of being  
out on the streets? Then come along to a meeting to find out  
more on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3-5 pm, at

Greyfriars Memorial Hall. Refreshments will be served.  
For more information see poster on notice board, or contact  
Matt Hearn on 07533 325504 or [reading@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:reading@streetpastors.org.uk)

### Food for ReadiFood

Food is urgently required  
by Faith for ReadiFood  
parcels which are given  
out to people in need in  
the Reading area. For  
types of food needed please look at the notice on the notice  
board and put contributions in the box at the back of church.  
For more information see Alison.

**ReadiFood**  
Reading's Food Bank  
Food Parcels for those in Need

### Sue Sobczak

Congratulations to Sue Sobczak who was recently accepted for  
training for ordination. Sue, Andre, Clare and Vicky were part  
of this church family for many years before moving west.

### Plastic bottles needed!



Inspired by a visit to the  
National Botanic Gardens  
of Wales, Collette Shine is  
planning to build a mini-  
greenhouse out of old  
plastic bottles and would  
be grateful to receive any  
plastic drinks bottles that  
you do not need.  
Collette can collect bottles  
from you if necessary.

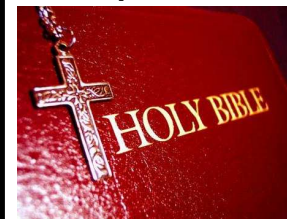
### Introduction to Counselling Course

After a relaxing summer break, why  
not put your energy into something  
new? Would you benefit from  
learning how to listen more  
effectively? You can begin to  
understand yourself and others



better on the Philippi Trust 'Introduction to  
Counselling' course. The course will be held at  
Brookside church in Earley over 3 weekends:  
24/25 September, 15/16 October and  
12/13 November 2010. For more details phone  
0118 966 7422 or email  
[reading@philippitrust.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:reading@philippitrust.freereserve.co.uk)

### Thank you from Theological College in Nigeria



Ruth Mason donated the  
balance of her "Nigeria"  
funds (£450) held by the  
church to the Bible  
Translation Department of  
the Theological College of  
Northern Nigeria, Bukuru  
(TCNN). We have since

heard from Dave and Liz Crozier, who are now back in  
Nigeria, as follows:

"Thank you for the wonderful support you have given  
to the work of Bible translation in Nigeria and in  
particular to the TCNN. First, thank you for your  
generous support of Ruth Mason which enabled her to  
come and join the staff at TCNN for the first 3 months  
of this year (and we are sure that you also supported  
Don in different ways during her absence). And  
second, thank you so much for your financial  
generosity to the department's library and the bursary  
fund, which helps to support some of the students ...  
Many of the students express their thanks for these  
bursary funds which they have received. Please  
convey our thanks to everyone in the church."

Ruth will be speaking about her experiences in  
Nigeria, which were not without some high drama, at  
a future evening service (date to be agreed).